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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0689

FOLLOWING IS FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I AGAIN ASKED FOR PROMISED LIST OF ARMS SENT BY GOE TO SOMALIA. FAHMY NOTED MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT) HAD REMINDED HIM OF IT AND CLAIMED THAT HIS AIDE HAD THE LIST. AS IT TURNED OUT, FAHMY'S AIDE DID NOT HAVE THE LIST. INSTEAD, HE HAD A TELEGRAM FROM THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO, DATED JULY 26, CONVEYING A NEW SOMALI REQUEST FOR GOE ASSISTANCE. SPECIFICALLY, LATEST SOMALI REQUEST TO GOE CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING:

- (A) "LARGE AMOUNT" (UNSPECIFIED) OF SMALL ARMS;
- (B) AMMUNITION (AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED);
- (C) SPARE PARTS FOR EGYPTIAN ARMS;

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- (D) MEANS OF TRANSPORT (UNSPECIFIED);
- (E) UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS NEEDED TO FLY SOMALI MIG-21'S (THIS REQUEST FOR PILOTS IS PRESUMABLY THAT WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT MENTIONED TO ME A FEW DAYS AGO;
- (F) UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF DOCOTRS AND MEDICINES.

2. IN ADDITION, SOMALI PRESIDENT REQUESTED GOE TO PERSUADE ARAB

ARAB LEADERS, AND ESPECIALLY SAUDI LEADERSHIP, DISCREETLY TO SUPPORT SOMALIA AND TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE OF TIME FACTOR. JUDGING FROM HIS TALKS WITH SOMALI PRESIDENT, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS SHOWING SOME SIGNS OF RELUCTANCE TO EXTEND FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, AS ARE OTHER ARAB AND WESTERN STATES. FAHMY COMMENTED THAT THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO BE MAKING THEIR HELP CONDITIONAL ON SAID BARRE'S ALLOWING SOMALI MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS MORE REIN TO CONDUCT THEIR ACTIVITIES. HE THOUGHT THIS IS UNNECESSARY CONDITION AND SHOULD HAVE PLANS TAKE UP MATTER WITH SAUDIS. HE ALSO URGED THAT WE DO SO.

3. SOMALI PRESIDENT APPARENTLY ALSO URGED THAT GOE AGAIN ASK USG TO ASSIST SOMALIA THROUGH ANY MEANS THAT WE DEEM FIT. I REMINDED FAHMY THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ARMS FOR SOMALIA, BUT THAT WE DO NOT WANT ANY SUCH US ARMS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH SOMALIA'S IRREDENTIST ASPIRATIONS IN OGADEN. AS HE ALSO KNEW, WE ARE CURRENTLY FORMULATING AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA. FAHMY STATED HE KNEW OF OUR PROPOSED HELP, BUT COMPLAINED THAT OUR PROCEDURES ARE TOO SLOW. IF SIAD BARRE IS TO BE ENCOURAGED TO RID HIMSELF OF SOVIET INFLUENCE, WHICH FAHMY INSISTS IS THE SOMALI PRESIDENT'S INTENTION, WE AND OTHER FRIENDS OF SOMALIA MUST ACT MORE QUICKLY.

4. AS FOR SOMALI IRREDENTIST AMBITIONS IN OGADEN, FAHMY ARGUED THAT THIS WAS IRRELEVANT. ANYTHING THAT WILL WEAKEN SOVIET SURROGATE  
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REGIME IN ETHIOPIA SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. I REMINDED FAHMY OF OAU AGREEMENT, SUBSCRIBED TO BY GOE, THAT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND LATERED ONLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION. PREDICTABLY, FAHMY DISMISSED OAU AGREEMENT, ARGUING MOST AFRICAN STATES DO NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD APPLY TO MENGISTU REGIME.

5. FAHMY SAID GOE APPRECIATES USG WILLINGNESS PROVIDE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, BUT REPEATEDLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MOVING FAST. I TOLD HIM THAT PROBLEM IS COMPLEX, BUT THAT WE ARE ACTING JUST AS QUICKLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

6. I SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED FAHMY'S CHEF D'CABINET TO GET REQUESTED ARMS LIST. HE NOW HOPES TO HAVE IT ON SATURDAY, JULY 30. WILL FOLLOW-UP AS APPROPRIATE.  
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